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PO NEWSLETTER

Dear

Some of you were kind enough to comment favorably on the first Newsletter. We are hoping that you will not limit yourselves to comment, but will send us items as contributions to the news about you and your activities.

Changes in ICD

The following changes are effective in the management of ICD. Mr George A. Pope, former Chief of the Division, has been reassigned within the Department prior to a field assignment. I am sure that you join me in wishing George the best of luck on his new duties, and in expressing to him our appreciation for his many years of service in our program. I have been designated Chief of ICD, with Mr. J. Roland Jacobs as Deputy.

Fiscal Matters

Some of you may be concerned about the availability of funds to provide publications support to WF, SP and AMS, and about the procedures put into effect this year to establish post allotments for these agencies. A copy of CA-2329 dated September 9, 1958 was sent to each of you, describing the procedures and details concerning the allocation of funds by the Regional Bureaus in the Department. CA-2329 is not an authorizing document providing funds, but it does explain how funds are allocated. I suggest that you refer to the fiscal staff at your post to determine the amount of funds authorized you for publications procurement during FY 59. All posts should have received by now advices of allotments for this purpose. Please write me directly if you have any questions.

Survey Trips

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Your attention is called to CA-2217 dated September 4, 1958, reporting on the current publications and graphics survey trip being made by [REDACTED] This trip will cover a number of key posts in the FE-SEA area.

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I intend to be in Melbourne on Departmental business in mid-November and plan to accompany [REDACTED] to Manila, Hong Kong, Taipei, Tokyo and Seoul on the dates mentioned in CA-2217. Returning home the long way, I plan to take annual leave en route, but will be available to discuss matters of mutual interest at the following posts:

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Bangkok	December	20-22
New Delhi	December	22-26
Karachi	December	26-27
Tehran	December	28-30
Istanbul	December	30-January 2
Athens	January	2-4

Counterpart Fund Program

The U.S. Congress approved in 1958 amendments to Public Law 480, which, in brief, authorize the Library of Congress and the National Science Foundation to present to Congress for appropriations, programs involving the procurement, indexing, abstracting and translation of publications in countries having counterpart funds available. It is much too early in the program to write you any details. There is considerable planning being done by the Department and other agencies in Washington to blend this program in with existing ones. I shall keep you fully posted as appropriate.

Consolidated Selection Guide

We decided recently to consolidate several instructions covering requirements of various consumers, into one comprehensive, up-to-date selection guide. This is being sent to you in the form of a Departmental instruction (CA-3251 of October 7), which contains the revised general and specific requirements of LR, WF, SP and AMS.

Far East Evaluation Study

Many of the users of the publications procurement program are represented in Washington on an inter-agency procurement committee. The members of this committee have cooperated in the preparation of a Departmental instruction (CA-3242 of October 7), outlining the value of overt FE literature to intelligence, with specific examples. The instruction has been sent to all FE posts and to those posts in other areas which also contribute Far Eastern publications.

PO Travel

The following are either planned or completed trips for the Publications Officers listed:

1. Harry Barnes (Moscow), to Siberia, Irkutsk, and Yakutsk;
2. Mary Lyddane (London), to cities in central England, and Belfast and Dublin.
3. Anthony Lewis (Cairo), to Khartoum, Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon.
4. John Bradley (MPO, Tokyo), to Southeast Asia.

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Personal Notes

1. Each of you has received a copy of our list of full- and part-time Publications Officers dated September 15, 1958. We shall try to revise the list periodically. The latest revision is attached.

2. Paul A. Smith, Jr., currently assigned to the Department, has been selected to go to Moscow as Publications Officer sometime in January. He has served at Bucharest, Trieste and Vienna, and has completed language and area studies at Harvard's Russian Research Center.

3. Richard D. Nethercut, newly designated Publications Officer at Hong Kong, has had extensive Chinese language and area training, and comes well-qualified to his new assignment. He has the benefit of the continued services of Bill Thomas, the former PO there. Bill will be just down the hall from Dick, so that the effective program at this important post will continue without interruption. We want to take this opportunity to record our sincere appreciation to Bill for a job well done.

I thank each of you for your continued interest in the publications program. We appreciate the value of the work you are doing and assure you that the Washington agencies are aware of and grateful for your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Leo M. Goodman
Chief
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Enclosure:

Publications Officer List.

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